

NC PIPELINE ACTIVISTS

URGENT:

PLEASE MAKE PHONE CALLS TODAY IN ADDITION to emails and letters. The TIMING IS VERY CRITICAL IN THE NEXT *HOURS AND DAYS*.

Most of you know that Dominion, Duke and the ACP are putting unprecedented and unrelenting pressure, backed up by unlimited money, on Governor Cooper, the Attorney General and NC DEQ to approve the permits for the pipeline.

We who know that the pipeline will be a disaster must step up and challenge our state officials to do the right thing and resist to the ACP's pressure, money and fraudulent claims.

We ask you to **MAKE PHONE CALLS**, write letters and emails to the nine public officials (names and addresses below) and demand that there be at least three additional public hearings in the counties of eastern North Carolina in order to give us, the public, an opportunity to rebut the recent fraudulent claims about the pipeline. Since there is considerable evidence that a decision will be made soon in Raleigh regarding the pipeline, it is imperative that this be done immediately. For those in the Triangle, please hand deliver your letters, if possible.

AN EASY WAY TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS

We have tried to devise an easy and quick way for you to do this. Below you will find a sample letter to Governor Cooper that can be sent to all five of them. You can send this letter as is. Or you can revise it by adding your own words. Please make sure that whatever you send, you make it clear that we the public want three additional hearings before any decision regarding the ACP is made in Raleigh.* Please make sure you include the **ATTACHED NEW REPORT** on the ACP's failure to demonstrate economic benefit to our state. It also raises serious concerns about the economic and environmental instability of the ACP.

There are three possible ways to deliver this letter to the nine public officials:

- copy and paste the letter into separate emails (powerful)
- print copies of the letter and send it by certified mail to the governor
- or if you live in the Triangle, hand deliver them in person. (most powerful).

PLEASE do this immediately before this email gets lost in your inbox or you forget. Call or email us if you have questions. Thanks very much.

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LETTER TO SEND

Governor Cooper, I am writing to respectfully request three public hearings, sponsored by NC DEQ, to address the recent and unsatisfactory economic development concerns, claims, and submissions by the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP). We know that you care about the environment of our State. We have seen this with your courageous stand against off shore drilling. Please continue to care as much about our most vulnerable environment and most vulnerable populations - the indigenous people, the people of color, and so many others in eastern NC who live along the route of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. We strongly urge you to take as strong a stand against the Atlantic Coast Pipeline as you have done with offshore drilling.

Unfortunately, the Atlantic Coast Pipeline chose the worst possible route in the State for its proposed pipeline. ACP considered other routes earlier, but just like our coastal communities that you are protecting, those earlier routes would have taken the pipeline closer to wealthier and less racially diverse communities. The pipeline has used economic development as its major justification, arguing that the pipeline will be a benefit to the people in the 8 counties in its path. But in its thousands of pages of submissions to NC DEQ and others it has failed to provide persuasive data or details to support this claim. ***(Please see attached report "ACP Failure to Demonstrate Economic Development Benefit")***

The NC Department of Environmental Quality has been asking ACP questions about this claim since September and ACP has repeatedly sidestepped the inquiries. I am writing to request that the DEQ immediately hold public hearings in Robeson, Cumberland and Johnston Counties regarding the ACP's economic development claims and submissions. These hearings will enable you, the DEQ, and the Attorney General's office to hear public input about these important questions and to review it as a part of the 401 Water Quality Permit application.

We respectfully ask that you authorize the Attorney General to IMMEDIATELY direct DEQ to initiate public hearings to address the economic development concerns and other concerns, claims and submissions by the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP).

Sincerely *Add you name and contact information*

**Names, Addresses and Phone Numbers of Officials to Receive Phone Calls,
Certified Letters and Emails**

Address all requests to Gov. Roy Cooper with copies to the additional officials:

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NOTE: To call the Governor and the Governor's staff, call the Governor's office request to be connected to the Governor and particular staff listed below: **919-814-2000**

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